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Docket No.: NCI 7387US  
Date: January 3, 2005

In re application of: Allen W. Thorpe, et al.

Serial No.: 09/463,001

Art Unit: 1771

Filed: December 5, 2001

Examiner: Ula Corinna Ruddock

For: THERMAL PROTECTIVE STRUCTURES AND METHODS OF MAKING THEM

Mail Stop Amendment  
 Commissioner for Patents  
 PO Box 1450  
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is:

An amendment in the above-identified application in response to the Office Action filed July 2, 2004;

This Petition For Extension of Time for 3 months.

Small Entity Status:

Applicant claims small entity status.

Applicant DOES NOT claim small entity status.

The fee has been calculated as shown:

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate - Other Than A Small Entity	Rate - Small Entity	Additional Fee
Total Claims	32 -	32 =	0	\$50.00	\$25.00	\$0.00
Indep. Claims	8 -	8 =	0	\$200.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
Total Additional Fee:						\$0.00

Please charge Deposit Account 162201 in the amount of \$510.00 to cover the fee for an extension of time of 3 months.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit overpayment under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper to Deposit Account 162201. *Duplicate copies of this sheet are enclosed.*

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Applicant Allen W. Thorpe, et al. Docket No. NCI 7387US  
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**35 U.S.C. § 371 of PCT/US98/14775, filed July 16, 1998**

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**AMENDMENT D  
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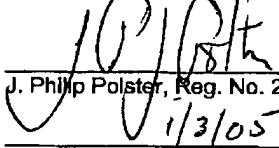
Sir:

In response to the Office action of July 2, 2004, the above-identified application is amended as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.

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